USFWS Phenology Network





Mayfly Watch Reporting Instructions 2015

- 1. Join Nature's Notebook. If you haven't already, create a Nature's Notebook account. See our specifics of observing if you need more details on getting started.
- 2. Join Mayfly Watch. During registration, check the box next to Mayfly Watch, under USFWS, Region 3 in the Partner Groups list.

If you have already registered a Nature's Notebook account, go to your Observation Deck, click the link to My Account Details, and add yourself to the group.

- 3. Check your Observation Deck. Under Sites you will be able to switch back and forth between My Sites and Mayfly Watch Sites.
 - For observations made at one of the **Mayfly Watch Sites**, be sure you select Mayfly Watch from the dropdown and you will see the sites for the group.
 - For observations made at your own site, set up a site under My Sites and add mayfly to your site. Follow these instructions on how to create a site and add animals.
- 4. Observe mayflies. Report what you see (yes/no/not sure?) for mayflies following the instructions for mayflies or giant mayflies. You should survey the area within 5-10 ft of where you are standing. You may need to walk around the area, inspecting the vegetation along the shoreline for several minutes.

Remember, mayfly abundance may change hourly - you can report multiple observations in one day by reporting the time at which you made the observation.

We are interested in the following phenophases for this project:

Active subadults: One or more subadults are seen moving about or at rest. Mayfly subadults (subimagos or "duns") are duller in color than adults, and have cloudy wings with a fringe of

Active adults: One or more adults are seen moving about or at rest. Mayfly adults (imagos or "spinners") are brighter in color than subadults, and have clear, glassy wings

mayfly, Hexagenia bilineata (brown or black in color)





giant mayfly, Hexagenia limbata (yellow in color)







small hairs.











nature's notebook

In the comments field for your observation:

1. Record the abundance of mayflies using the Johnson Scale

Johnson Mayfly Emergence Scale



Total individuals in immediate observation area (within a 5-foot radius) range from 1-99.



Total individuals in immediate observation area range 100-500.



Consistent coverage of surfaces (pavement, windows, walls, vegetation); small groups of individuals under lights.



Thick coverage of surfaces.

Notable groups of individuals under lights form small- to medium-sized "piles".



Very thick coverage of surfaces with minimal surface area exposed. Large groups of individuals under lights form large-sized "piles".

Example of a completed datasheet for mayfly, with the comments field filled in for Abundance:

DONOT complete the 'How many?' question on the observation datasheet.

